

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 56-71.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 19-22, 30, 43-46, and 53 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 19, 22, 30, 43, 46, and 53 have been re-written in independent form, including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. (Claims 20 and 21 depend from claim 19, and claims 44 and 45 depend from claim 43.)

In response to the allowance of claims and the indication of allowable subject matter, and in reply to claims 4, 8, 10-12, 16-18, 31-32, 35-57, 40-42, and 54-55 being withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, these claims have been canceled without prejudice of further prosecution in one or more divisional applications.

In response to the allowance of claims and the indication of allowable subject matter, and in reply to claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 13-15, 24-28, 33-34, 38-39 and 47-51 being rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), these claims have been canceled without prejudice of further prosecution in one or more continuation or continuation-in-part applications.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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